

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is being made upon entry of International Application No. PCT/EP2004/012489 into the U.S. National Phase of prosecution. The claims have been amended, where appropriate, to comply with U.S. patent practice. In the specification, a new paragraph has been added to the first line of the specification to include the priority information. An Abstract on a separate sheet is attached as required under 37 CFR 1.72(b). Entry of this amendment into the record is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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